year for the construction of new hotels and for improvements by way of addition, alteration and renovation of the existing hotel properties and also for the purchase of different items e.g. hardware, machinery, spare-parts; carpets, furnitures, kitchen equipments, air-conditioning plants, etc., but there is no Quality Control Cell or Centralised Inventory Cell in ITDC so far; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps the management propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (b) ITDC purchases quality items of standard as per its procedure of purchase and procurements from firms of repute. These items are maintained unit-wise. Tests for quality control are undertaken through local laboratories etc. wherever necessary. ITDC does not consider it necessary to set up a Quality Control Cell or Centralised Inventory Cell.

Extension of Labour Laws to Sikkim

2034. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Central labour laws such as Industrial Disputes Act Inter-State Migrant Workers Act Minimum Wages Act and Factories Act have not been extended to Sikkim;

(b) if so, by when these Acts are likely to be extended there; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Industrial Disputes Act and Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 have been extended to the state of Sikkim. The Factories Act, 1948 and Minimum Wages Act, 1948 have not been extended to the State of Sikkim.

(b) and (c) The State Government is of opinion that Acts already extended serve the purpose and they do not consider it desirable to extend any more Acts to the state of Sikkim.

Meeting of the Central Advisory Committee and the Tripartite Committee on Labour

2035. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 139 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th November, 1986 and state;

(a) what are the details of discussions held and the deliberations made at the meetings of the Central Advisory Committee and the Tripartite Committee on Labour held on the 3rd January, 1986 alongwith the decisions taken in the said meetings; and

(b) what follow-up action has been taken to implement the decisions taken at the above meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) (a) The Central Advisory Committee reviewed the activities of the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund. The Committee recommended, *inter alia*, that (1) the scheme of assistance to the group housing cooperative societies of beedi workers should be finalised early; (2) Welfare Commissioners should launch a drive to issue identity cards to beedi workers; (3) more housing schemes for beedi workers should be taken up with the assistance of State Governments; and (4) more scholarships should be awarded. The Committee also took note of the increased budget allotment for medicines for static and static-cum-mobile dispensaries. The Committee also approved some new welfare schemes, including a revised scheme of scholarship for the wards of beedi workers.